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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 22, 2007

1. Call to order.

The 326th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Acting Conservancy Chairperson Ronald Schafer at 7:36 p.m. on October 22, 2007 at Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Woody Smeck, Elva Yañez, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Bryan Cash, Ronald Schafer, Acting Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Antonio Gonzalez, James Berkus, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Richard Gould, Marc Johnson, John McCord, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Marc Stirdivant, Garen Yegparian, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Dave Brown, Anita Fromholz, Mary Sue Maurer, and Dennis Seider. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Alan Kishbaugh, William Koehler, Lawren Markle, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Nancy Stephens, Liane Weintraub, and Timothy Wendler.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Juliet Chung, Contracts and Fiscal Officer, Government Programs, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff and Laura Plotkin.

5. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of September 24, 2007 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 24, 2007 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from Sara Wan, representing the California Coastal Commission; Woody Smeck representing the National Parks Service, Ron Schafer representing State Parks, Michael Berger with Ranger Dave Updike representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Cash.

8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

John Fonti, representing Estancia Maintenance Association, on matters not on the agenda.

David Hettwer, Haciendas Home Owners Association, on matters not on the agenda.

Marshall Thompson, representing Malibu Park Home Owners Association, on item 13.

Harriet Pollon, representing La Quesa Highlands Home Owners Association, on item 13.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Plotkin, Messrs. Smeck, Seider, and Yegparian, Ms. Bill De La Peña, and Ms. Maurer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, increasing the annual contribution of parties.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding the final Environmental Impact Report for the Buckley School Expansion project, Sherman Oaks.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on LU07-0073 (CUP) Eternity Bible College, Cornerstone Community Church, Children's Hunger and Learning Center, Tierra Rejada Road, east of State Route 23 and west of Madera Road (Simi Valley/Moorpark).**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould , duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 07-93, 07-94, and 07-95.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 07-93, 07-94, and 07-95.

Ms. Parks was noted as abstaining.

- 10. Consideration of resolution amending the staff report for Agenda Item 11(d)2 dated July 9, 2007 regarding authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the protection of the Upper Los Angeles River and the Santa Monica Bay watersheds, including those actions necessary to prevent harm or damage to persons, property or natural resources and those actions necessary to allow continued use and enjoyment of property and natural resources.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire ten acres of vacant land and an appurtenant easement, APN 694-0-210-500 in Encinal Canyon, unincorporated Ventura County.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and Mr. Smeck.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-97

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-97.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of approximately 850 acres (APNs 4457-013-013, 015, 029, 033, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 043, 044, 052, 053, 060, 061; 4457-005-001, 002, 003, 005, 010, 011, 016; 4457-006-005, 006, 019, 020, 021, and 4461-004-007) in Corral Canyon, Malibu.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

This item was amended to authorize a grant of both Proposition 84 and Proposition 50 funds pursuant to a finding made by the Conservancy and Advisory Committee that the information regarding the amendment arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

The motion for the finding was made by Mr. Yegparian, and duly seconded by Mr. Brown of the Advisory Committee. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The motion for the finding was made by Mr. Daniel, and duly seconded by Ms. Yañez of the Conservancy. The motion was unanimously adopted.

This item was considered subsequent to the closed session.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-98 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-98 as amended.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on Proposed Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program Coastal Zone Plan, Local Implementation Program, and related documents.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Brown, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Mikos, and Mr. Yegparian.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Wan, and Messrs. Smeck and Daniel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-99.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Wan, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-99.

14. Consideration of resolution assigning the Mountains Restoration Trust, a non-profit organization, as the Conservancy's designee to implement Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Project Agreement No. 58A1-94-0132 to acquire properties in Escondido Canyon, Malibu.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-100.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-100.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing approval of Section 4(f) Evaluation determination analysis on CalTrans I-405 Supelveda Pass project, Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Mikos, and Messrs. Smeck, Daniel, and Yegparian.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-101.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-102.

- 16. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, et al.; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.**

The Chair announced that the Conservancy would meeting in closed session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss item 12 and *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:51 p.m.

- 17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a date to be determined at a later time.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE

Executive Director

Chairperson